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1. South Vietnam

Quat has asked the military to arbitrate his dispute with Chief of State Suu, thereby admitting his inability to deal with the crisis. He is meeting with the generals today to try to work out a solution.

Quat says he is confident the generals support him "in principle" and want to maintain a civilian government. He indicated to Ambassador Johnson today that he hoped the military would work with him on a plan that could lead to Suu's removal from office. His plan seems complicated, and there is no assurance the impatient generals will go along. At the same time, there is little evidence yet that they have considered assuming control themselves.

A US Embassy officer talked to the Papal Nuncio today and was assured there would be no Catholic demonstrations. The Nuncio said he had told Catholic leaders it is against their interests to agitate for a "Catholic government" which would only evoke a strong Buddhist reaction. Whether he can really speak for the militant and emotional Catholic leadership is not certain.

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2. Vietnam

A captured Viet Cong has provided additional information on the North Vietnamese maritime system of infiltration into South Vietnam.

The prisoner claims the 103rd Viet Cong Transport Battalion is stationed near Vinh Linh in North Vietnam. (See map.) The battalion includes about 640 men and 12 junks. The junks were sailing to supply North Vietnamese forces in the south when the prisoner's vessel was forced ashore by a storm.

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3. Iraq

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Serious trouble is brewing in Baghdad. Coup rumors are multiplying, and there is increasing speculation that the decrepit government of President Arif may be on its last legs.

The background on this is complex. The Kurdish war, which Arif has insisted on continuing, is unpopular. It was a major factor in the downfall of his predecessor Qasim in 1963. Moreover, the deep and bitter division between pro- and anti-Egyptian factions seems to be getting worse.

4. Dominican Republic

While the interior is reported as generally calm, the war of words goes on.

Rebel leaders are displaying an increasing bitterness and belligerency toward both the US and the Organization of American States. This appears to flow from their apprehension that some political compromise solution without them may emerge as well as from the increasing influence of extremists among them.

Imbert's military and police units are apparently being braced against the possibility of rebel-fostered demonstrations on Monday celebrating the sixth anniversary of the abortive Cuban-supported invasion of the Dominican Republic.

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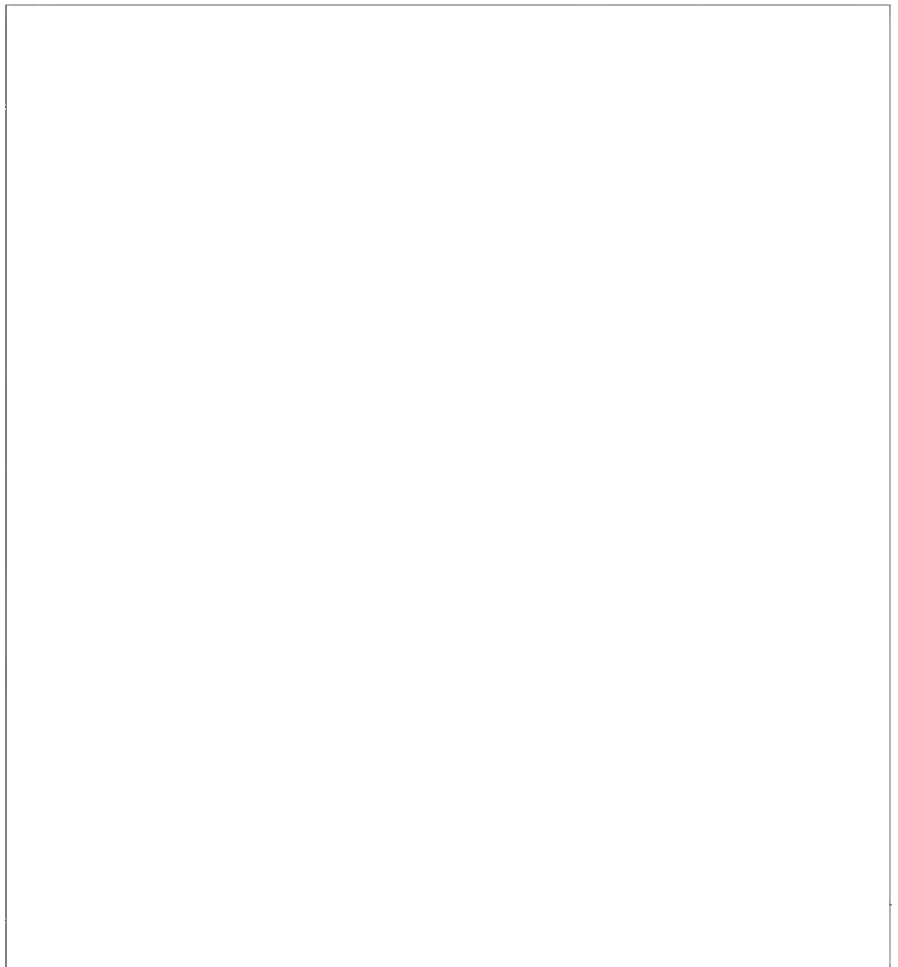


5. Bolivia

The miners continue to resist scheduled layoffs and salary cuts, and some of them may want to force the junta to seize the mines. The regime is making its troops highly visible, for psychological reasons, but is still holding back on a military takeover of the mines as negotiations continue. It must bring the miners under control, by persuasion or by force, or its authority will be severely damaged.

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6. Aden



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7. Colombia

No incidents have been reported so far in connection with today's student commemoration of "Martyr's Day." The army is still alerted, however.

The government's economic and political troubles are getting wide attention in the press, with some of the stories predicting a state of chaos in the near future. While these seem overplayed, the government has squeezed through several tight situations in the past year without solving any of its pressing problems. This cannot go on forever.

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